

Crook County Resource Advisory Committee
Minutes Amendments to
October 20, 2003 Meeting Notes

The minutes of the October meeting of the Resource Advisory Committee were amended as follows:

- 1) Minutes- Ernie moved to accept as read.
 - a) Additions and corrections:
 - i) Membership to Sand Creek Country Club. Would like to strike the part about acquiring a building site. Barb asked if Nels had a conflict. ***“No, there is no conflict.”*** Nels wanted to let everyone know that he was closer than most to the situation.
- 2) Revisit proposals that have been tabled.
 - a) Brad Harris made a presentation on the trucktrail fuel break. Revised **PP#03-04**.
 - i) Where is the expected income reported? Will the income offset the cost of the timber sale? Steve explained that it was unknown until the bidding process whether or not the timber sale will pay for additional service work, through the ***Knutson-Vandenberg and Brush Disposal*** (KV and BD) funding. Brad and Steve will estimate what the income would be from the timber sale.
 - b) Cement Ridge Lookout **PP #04-03**.
 - i) Tracy Fillmore-Frey from the Northern Hills Ranger District. \$30,000 of Federal funds have been allocated to this project. \$2-4,000 to remove the old toilet was not considered in the original cost estimates. Discussion of the toilet costs ensued. Options discussed. Cement Ridge is on the National Historic Lookout Register. We are still in the planning stages, but are looking for \$16-20,000 from the RAC.
 - c) Interpretive signs were recommended. In the base of the lookout there is an interpretive site. Nels wants the maximum public benefit from the money spent by the RAC. Base is always open. **Joe/ Barb** moved to fund as proposed for a total of \$20,000- ***with the understanding that \$6000 be allocated to the completion of Phase 1 and the remaining \$14,000 to be spent on Phase 2 (the bathroom).*** Larry asked about funding the repair of the tower, and let the FS fund the toilet. Facilities money may be available for the toilet. Can you check into ADA outhouse money? Tracy will check into it. Deb is skeptical about the toilet. Toilet access is a problem. Show of hands In favor- 8. Against- 3. **Motion carried.** Merle asked there be a clarification that the money is to go to completion of phase 1 and \$14,000 to phase 2. .
- 3) New Proposals

- a) Williams Spring **PP#04-10**.
 - i) Dave McKee gave a brief overview of the passport in time program and gave a proposal overview. Heritage Resources would like to conduct interpretive tours on site during the project and develop an interpretive display following the work. RAC money would be used to meet that goal and to provide food and lodging assistance for the UW field school students who will participate in the excavations, and provide for supplies for the field school students and the Passport in Time volunteers. Some funds will also be used to pay for dating radio carbon samples. Heritage Resources (*United States Forest Service*) is requesting funding of \$17,000.
 - ii) Can this project be done for less? Mr. McKee stated that Heritage Resources can do some other types of study with a smaller amount of money, but cannot do the block excavation without the funding requested.
 - iii) Fencing? Was something done to provide water to livestock? The tank is open. The fence is to prevent further compaction of the site. Camping is OK. When project is completed, the fence will be removed. Long term goal is to open the site to grazing once again. ***Fence construction and maintenance is to be paid from Heritage Resources budget.***

The text of that portion of the meeting during which the amendments were made follows:

Crook County Resource Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
November 17, 2003

- 4) Minutes additions/corrections
 - a) **Nels** wanted, "No, there is no conflict" to be added to previous corrections to September meeting notes in the discussion of his membership to the Sand Creek Country Club.
 - b) He would like KV (Knutson-Vandenberg) and BD (Brush Disposal) to be spelled out first, and then subsequently, abbreviated.
 - c) Mr. Smith would also like Heritage Resources in paragraph 9 a (i) to be identified as part of the Forest Service. He would also like Paragraph 9 b to clarify that fence construction and maintenance to be spent from archeology money (Heritage Resources budget).
 - d) Nels also felt that we needed to further clarify the Cement Ridge project approval to state that Phase 1 of the project was for lookout repairs and Phase 2 was the outhouse. The \$20,000 obligated to this project was for the completion of Phase 1 and part of Phase 2. **Barb seconded**. Discussion. **Motion carried**. Approve the minutes as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Speidel